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**DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY
UNDER 35 USC §371(c)(4) FOR
PCT APPLICATION FOR UNITED STATES PATENT**

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described and claimed in international application number PCT/JP03/00134 filed January 9, 2003.

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-004096 filed January 11, 2002
Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-040285 filed February 18, 2002
Japanese Patent Application No. 2002-040287 filed February 18, 2002

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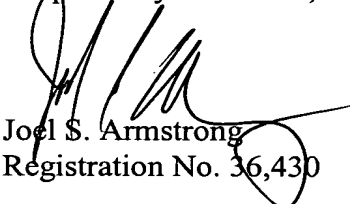
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